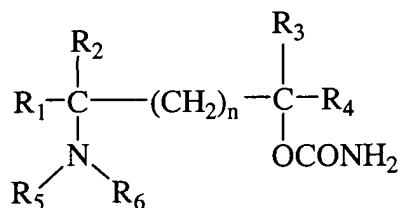


**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing an O-carbamoyl aminoalcohol represented by Formula I



I

wherein:

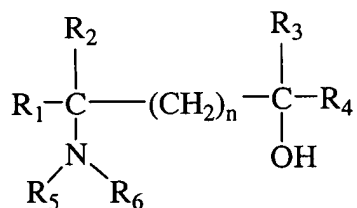
n is an integer from 0 and 5;

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are individually selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl and arylalkyl wherein the aryl portion of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by (X')<sub>m</sub>, wherein m is an integer from 0 to 4 and X' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and trifluoromethyl;

R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are individually selected from a group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl and arylalkyl wherein the aryl portion may be substituted or unsubstituted by (X')<sub>m</sub>, wherein m and X' are as defined; or

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> together with the carbon and nitrogen to which they are attached may form an unfused or fused heterocyclic ring having from 4 to 10 members;

the process comprising reacting an aminoalcohol represented by Formula II



## II

wherein n, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are as defined;

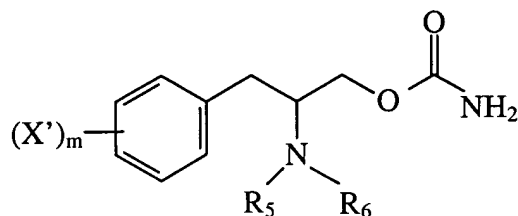
with ~~a cyanate~~ an alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate selected from the group consisting of sodium cyanate, potassium cyanate, ammonium cyanate, magnesium cyanate, and calcium cyanate and an excess of an acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid, halogenated acetic acids, arylsulfonic acids, alkylsulfonic acids and halogenated alkylsulfonic acids in an organic solvent medium selected from the group consisting of halogenated alkanes solvents, ethereal solvents, nitrile solvents, aromatic solvents; and mixtures thereof, wherein the amount of said alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate is from about one to about ten mole equivalents of said aminoalcohol represented by Formula II, and the amount of said acid is between about one to about ten molar equivalents in excess of the total number of amine groups in the aminoalcohol represented by Formula II.

2.- 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the cyanate is sodium cyanate and the acid is methanesulfonic acid.

7. (Original) A process according to claim 6, wherein the organic solvent medium is dichloromethane or acetonitrile.

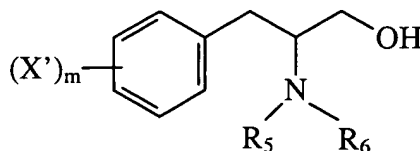
8. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the O-carbamoyl aminoalcohol is represented by Formula III



## III

wherein X', m, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are as defined;

the process comprising reacting an aminoalcohol represented by Formula IV

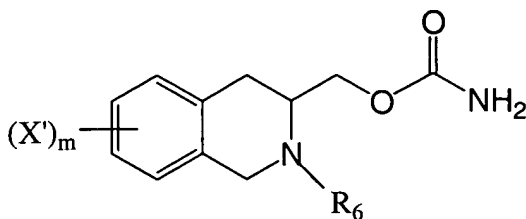


## IV

wherein X', m, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are as defined;

with ~~a cyanate~~ an alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate selected from the group consisting of sodium cyanate, potassium cyanate, ammonium cyanate, magnesium cyanate, and calcium cyanate and an excess of an acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid, halogenated acetic acids, arylsulfonic acids, alkylsulfonic acids and halogenated alkylsulfonic acids in an organic solvent medium selected from the group consisting of halogenated alkanes solvents, ethereal solvents, nitrile solvents, aromatic solvents; and mixtures thereof, wherein the amount of said alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate is from about one to about ten mole equivalents of said aminoalcohol represented by Formula IV, and the amount of said acid is between about one to about ten molar equivalents in excess of the total number of amine groups in the aminoalcohol represented by Formula IV.

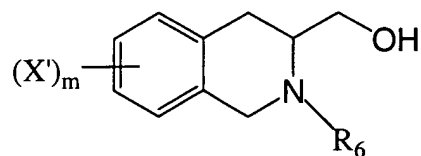
9. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the O-carbamoyl aminoalcohol is represented by Formula V



V

wherein X', m, and R<sub>6</sub> are as defined;

the process comprising reacting an aminoalcohol represented by Formula VI

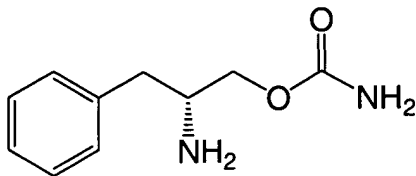


VI

wherein X', m, and R<sub>6</sub> are as defined;

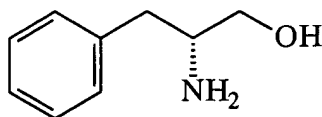
with ~~a cyanate~~ an alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate selected from the group consisting of sodium cyanate, potassium cyanate, ammonium cyanate, magnesium cyanate, and calcium cyanate and an excess of an acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid, halogenated acetic acids, arylsulfonic acids, alkylsulfonic acids and halogenated alkylsulfonic acids in an organic solvent medium selected from the group consisting of halogenated alkanes solvents, ethereal solvents, nitrile solvents, aromatic solvents; and mixtures thereof, wherein the amount of said alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate is from about one to about ten mole equivalents of said aminoalcohol represented by Formula VI, and the amount of said acid is between about one to about ten molar equivalents in excess of the total number of amine groups in the aminoalcohol represented by Formula VI.

10. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the O-carbamoyl aminoalcohol is represented by Formula VII



VII

the process comprising reacting D-phenylalaninol represented by Formula VIII



VIII

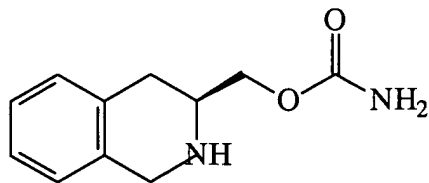
with ~~a cyanate~~ an alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate selected from the group consisting of sodium cyanate, potassium cyanate, ammonium cyanate, magnesium cyanate, and calcium cyanate and an excess of an acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid, halogenated acetic acids, arylsulfonic acids, alkylsulfonic acids and halogenated alkylsulfonic acids in an organic solvent medium selected from the group consisting of halogenated alkanes solvents, ethereal solvents, nitrile solvents, aromatic solvents; and mixtures thereof, wherein the amount of said alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate is from about one to about ten mole equivalents of said aminoalcohol represented by Formula VIII, and the amount of said acid is between about one to about ten molar equivalents in excess of the total number of amine groups in the aminoalcohol represented by Formula VIII.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) A process according to claim 10, wherein the cyanate is sodium cyanate and the acid is methanesulfonic acid.

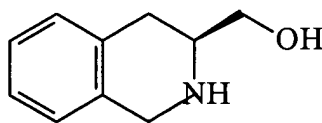
13. (Original) A process according to claim 12, wherein the organic solvent medium is dichloromethane.

14. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the O-carbamoyl aminoalcohol is O-carbamoyl-(L)-oxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline represented by Formula IX



IX

the process comprising reacting (L)-hydroxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline represented by Formula X



X

with ~~a cyanate~~ an alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate selected from the group consisting of sodium cyanate, potassium cyanate, ammonium cyanate, magnesium cyanate, and calcium cyanate and an excess of an acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid, halogenated acetic acids, arylsulfonic acids, alkylsulfonic acids and halogenated alkylsulfonic acids in an organic solvent medium selected from the group consisting of halogenated alkanes solvents, ethereal solvents, nitrile solvents, aromatic solvents; and mixtures thereof, wherein the amount of said alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate is from about one to about ten mole equivalents of (L)-hydroxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline represented by Formula X, and the amount of said acid is between about one to about ten molar equivalents in excess of the total number of amine groups in (L)-hydroxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline represented by Formula X

15. (Canceled)

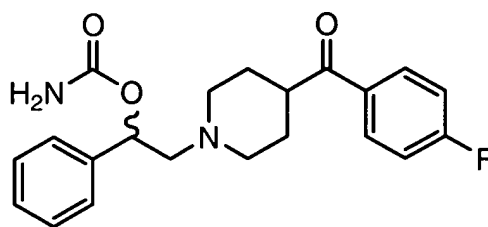
16. (Original) A process according to claim 14, wherein the cyanate is sodium cyanate and the

acid is methanesulfonic acid.

17. (Original) A process according to claim 16, wherein the organic solvent medium is dichloromethane.

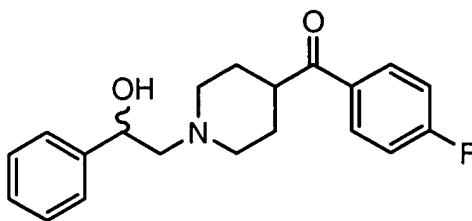
18. (Original) A process according to claim 16, wherein the organic solvent medium is acetonitrile.

19. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the O-carbamoyl aminoalcohol is carbamic acid 2-((4-fluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl)-1-phenylethyl ester represented by Formula XI:



XI

the process comprising reacting 2-((4-fluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl)-1-phenylethanol represented by Formula XII



XII

with ~~a cyanate~~ an alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate selected from the group consisting of sodium cyanate, potassium cyanate, ammonium cyanate, magnesium cyanate, and calcium

cyanate and an excess of an acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid, halogenated acetic acids, arylsulfonic acids, alkylsulfonic acids and halogenated alkylsulfonic acids in an organic solvent medium selected from the group consisting of halogenated alkanes solvents, ethereal solvents, nitrile solvents, aromatic solvents; and mixtures thereof, wherein the amount of said alkali cyanate or alkaline earth cyanate is from about one to about ten mole equivalents of 2-((4-fluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl)-1-phenylethanol represented by Formula XII, and the amount of said acid is between about one to about ten molar equivalents in excess of the total number of amine groups in 2-((4-fluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl)-1-phenylethanol represented by Formula XII.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A process according to claim 19, wherein the cyanate is sodium cyanate and the acid is methanesulfonic acid.

22. (Original) A process according to claim 21, wherein the organic solvent medium is dichloromethane.

23. - 24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the weight to volume ratio of the amount of the aminoalcohol represented by Formula II to the amount of the organic solvent medium is within the range of from about 1:3 to about 1:100.

26. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature ranging from about -80°C to about 80°C.

27. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim ~~25~~26, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature ranging from about -10°C to about 60°C.



28. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the O-carbamoyl aminoalcohol represented by Formula I and aminoalcohol represented by Formula II are in the racemic form.

29. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the O-carbamoyl aminoalcohol represented by Formula I and aminoalcohol represented by Formula II are in optically active form.

30. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim ~~1~~29, wherein the O-carbamoyl aminoalcohol represented by Formula I and aminoalcohol represented by Formula II are in are in the S-form.

31. (Currently amended) A process according to claim ~~1~~29, wherein the O-carbamoyl aminoalcohol represented by Formula I and aminoalcohol represented by Formula II are in the R-form.